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SUBJECT: IRANIAN HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION: ALGERIA

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Classified By: Charge d'Affaires, a.i. Thomas F. Daughton; reasons $1.4\ (b)$ and (d).

(C) We delivered reftel demarche November 18 to MFA Director of North American Affairs Abdellah Laouari urging Algeria to vote against the no-action motion facing the Third Committee resolution on the human rights situation in Iran. Laouari undertook to convey the request to the MFA's multilateral affairs directorate of political and international security issues. Laouari explained that the appropriate official from that office was still in New York for UNGA and other UN meetings (Note: We had unsuccessfully sought a meeting with him. End note.). Given Algeria's support both for the no-action motion and for the actual resolution in 2007, coupled with the recent visit of the first vice president of Iran, we have no reason to believe Algeria will join the United States in opposing the resolution this year.

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